Demand for hike of salary & allowances by Super-Bazar Employees Association

262. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Super Bazar Employees' Association Union has submitted memorandum for increasing their H.R.A., C.C.A. and TA/DA ;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of negotiations between Super-Bazar management and staff Union Association ; and

(c) by when these demands are likely to be implemented by the Super Bazar Management ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In pursuance of the decision taken by the Managing Committee, all Employees' Unions of Super Bazar have agreed on the proposal for increase in the house rent allowance without insisting on other demands for the time being. Managing Committee of Super Bazar has approved increased rates of HRA and the proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Supply of essential commodities at reasonable rates

263. SHRI SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the prices of cereals, pulses, sugar and edible oil for the last three years including the current year 1993-94 ;

(b) what is the availability position of the above articles in different parts of the country ; and

(c) whether Government would accept the responsibility for supplying essential commodities all over the country at prices within the reach of the comman man and at subsidised rates to those below the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) A statement showing the average retail prices of rice, wheat, gram, arhar, sugar, vanaspati, groundnut oil and mustard oil during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto Nov. 93) is enclosed (See below).

(b) The availability position of cereals, pulses, sugar and edible oils in the country is by and large, satisfactory.

(c) The Central Government is responsible for procurement, transportation and storage of commodities such as rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene and soft coke. These commodities are allocated in bulk to the States at Central Issue Prices (CIP) which are reasonable and generally below the market prices. Under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS), about 1752 blocks have been identified and foodgrains issued to them

@ Rs. 50/- per quintal less than the CIP issued under normal PDS. State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to add not more than 25 paise per kg. over the CIP of foodgrains while fixing the end retail prices to consumers in RPDS. The Government incurs a substantial amount of subsidy on foodgrains issued through PDS.

Statement

Average retail prices of essential commodities during 1991-92, 1992-93 *and* 1993-94

Commodity	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (Upto Nov. 93)
1	2	3	4
Rice . .	5.36	6.28	6.80
Wheat . .	4.32	5.11	4.88
Gram . .	9.76	10.71	14.33
Arhar . .	16.29	15.76	16.22
Sugar . .	9.24	9.88	11.62
Vanaspati .	41.82	38.60	36.24
Groundnut Oil	40.38	36.76	35.59
Mustard Oil .	34.00	30.77	30.55

Allocation of Wheat and Rice to Madhya Pradesh under Public Distribution System

264. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total supply out of allocated quota made to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for distribution of wheat and rice under the Public Distribution System;

(b) what has been the prescribed quota fixed per adult in 1985 and the present quota that is being distributed to each adult in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the number of ration-card holders and fair price shops; and

(d) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh had urged the Union Government to provide more allocations in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The quantity of rice and wheat allotted to Madhya Pradesh and lifted by the State Government in 1993 (January—October, 93) is given below:—

(figures in '000 tonnes)

	Allocation	Offtake
Rice . .	408.04	168.8
Wheat . .	420.00	189.90

(b) and (c) The information is being obtained from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Requests from State Government including Madhya Pradesh are received for allocation of foodgrains. Central Govt. makes bulk allocation of foodgrains to States including Madhya Pradesh taking into account the level of stocks in central Pool, procurement made, inter-se requirements of States/UTs. and seasonal factors. PDS allocations are supplementary in nature and is not intended to meet the total requirement of any State.

Scarcity of items under Public Distribution System in Delhi

265. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appeared in National Herald dated 13-09-93 regarding the scarcity of items that are being distributer under the Public distribution System in Delhi;